



Gary W. Jacobsen

May 24, 1951 - January 23, 2022

Morris

Gary W. Jacobsen, 70, of Morris, passed away at his home on Sunday, January 23, 2022. Gary was born in Oneonta and was the son of the late Frederick and Louise (Utter) Jacobsen. On December 24, 1986, he united in a loving marriage to Marie (Rhyde) Jacobsen.

Gary, also known as, Coach, Mr. J, Jake, Doc, and his favorite name of all “Papa”, grew up in Morris with his brother and sister and graduated from Morris Central School in 1969. Gary went on to attend Ithaca College where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education in 1973.

Gary began his career in education teaching Physical Education at Afton Central School from 1973 to 1978. During his time in Afton, he also coached basketball and football for the high school. In taking a brief pause from teaching, Gary shifted his focus to work in the family business, Jacobsen Construction. This took him all over the country, most notably time in Texas and Arizona. Gary later returned to teaching Physical Education at his alma mater Morris Central School in 1985. In addition to his role in teaching at Morris, Gary was involved in coaching many sports programs through the years. These included softball, basketball, golf, and football. During the later stages of his career, Gary moved on from coaching to assume the responsibilities of Athletic Director. The relationships he created through teaching, coaching, and his many athletic connections have lasted well beyond his teaching days.

Gary was a staple in Morris Central School and in the community. Gary was a friend to all and a mentor to many. He had a charismatic personality and a calm demeanor. Wherever he traveled, he was always running into someone that he knew and striking up a conversation with them. He loved talking about “the good old days” and offering up his “humble opinion”. During the summer months, Gary could be seen painting houses or local businesses. He left his name and pride throughout Morris and the surrounding communities in more ways than one. Upon retiring from teaching in 2010, Gary continued to stay involved with his support of athletics. Among them, he enjoyed rounds of golf and was an avid supporter of Ithaca College Football. He was a member of the Morris VFW & AmVets, Post 1417, the Oneonta Elks Club, the NYS Jockey Club and Oneonta Country Club.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Marie Jacobsen; children, Matthew (Michelle) Jacobsen, Hannah (Ron) Pleban and Mark (Melanee) Jacobsen; grandchildren, Tyler, Kevin, Jacob, Ryker, Collin and Sawyer; brother, Peter Jacobsen; sister, Ellen Jacobsen, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by his brother Gregory Jacobsen.

Gary accomplished a great many things in his life. In sharing the details of his experiences with all of the people he connected with through the years, they'd tell you that Gary was most proud of raising his family.

Gary's family will announce a Celebration of His Life in the Spring of '22 that the public will be

invited to. His burial will be held privately at Hillington Cemetery in Morris.

Gary's life had a ripple effect on so many people and in so many ways. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

To view his tribute video or leave a message of sympathy to his family, visit
www.JohnstonFH.com

His family has entrusted his care to the Johnston & Stanimer Funeral Home in Morris.

Cemetery



HILLINGTON CEMETERY

State Highway 23,
Morris, NY 13808

Tribute Wall



Brenda Spencer

What a great man who will be missed by many. I am very happy that I have cherished memories of him from high school and beyond 🙏

J

Jerry Peters

So sorry to hear of Jake's passing. My thoughts and condolences to his family. Jerry Peters

M

Matt birdsall

Marie, Matt, Hannah and Mark, We are so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a great coach and person. We will always remember running basketball drills and the great life lessons he taught us. He will be missed. Matt and Amanda Birdsall

G

Gordon Daniels

Gary and I shared three years in Afton. We lived at Afton Lake from late October until mid May at the summer home of Marie Ecler and Alice Dodge. We taught together and coached football together. Gary had a wonderful sense of humor and loved his ice hockey during the winter. Gary was in my wedding party when Natalie and I got married in December of 1977. He was loved by our students in Afton and many learned life lessons from Doctor J. I am truly saddened by his death and will always cherish our friendship. Gordie Daniels

L

Lorrie

Marie and Family, I am so very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. may memories provide comfort and the Love of God and family surround you. Love Lorrie Paul

D

Deb and Richie Kolvik

Marie and family, Gary touched so many in such a positive way, including my children. We are all thankful he was part of our lives.



Tribute Store

A memorial tree was planted in memory of Gary W. Jacobsen.

J**Jim & Penny Beckert**

Marie, Matt(Coach) & family: Sending sincere condolences for your loss. May your happy moments shared be a source of comfort in the coming days. God bless. Jim and Penny (Roberts) Beckert

B**Brian Jacobsen**

Marie, Hannah, Mark, Matt, Pete and Ellen and all the young ins...so sorry to hear of the recent passing of our beloved Gary. May he rest in splendid peace. He was indeed a really great guy and always had a smile to share with the rest of us. I have plenty of fond memories of ol King Snake going back as far as the Jacobsen farm days up on Patrick Hill all the way up to when he was the Chairman of the Board of the Big Sticks golf team. We (I was on another team w/ Stormin Norman and my old buddy Wes Warren(Vestal PD)) played in a captain & crew together at the Hiawatha Links GC sponsored by Donnoli's restaurant in Apalachin. Of course the Big Sticks won and we all didn't know it but first place was a 2ft long beef stick from local Don's Meat Market !!! Holy cats to see the look on ol' King Snakes face when he was handed that beef stick for first place....OMG if looks could kill!! What a laugh we all had. Ol Mike Laubmier (also a member of the Big Sticks) was eating raw chicken wings which kept the laughs up....all of this for about \$50/pc. Just one of the many fond memories I have of my beloved cousin the Jacobsen family patriarch of our generation -- hence the name King Snake. My sincerest condolences and my thoughts and prayers are truly with you all now in the time of great sorrow and grief. God Bless. Very Respectfully cousin Brian.

**Lois Marcellus**

Marie so sorry to read this news. My thoughts and prayers with you and your family. Your memories will always be with you!

**Pat Curns Stephens**

So sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers for all of you!???

K**Kevin, Elaina, Connor, and Chloe van der Sommen**

Gary you will be missed, and we are so grateful for the time we shared together with you. You were an amazing person with a big heart. Much Love!

**Tribute Store**

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J**Jim Roe**

Such a great guy, and will be missed by all his students, friends, and neighbors in the Morris area. Rest in peace Gary.

**Barb Dick Lee**

/sending prayers and loving thoughts to Marie and famiy,

**Stephanie Dye**

Sending prayers to his family. He was such a great guy.

M**Marsha Ames**

Thinking of you all during this difficult time. As Gary's family, you are his greatest legacy. May your many happy, loving memories support you now and always, Love, Aunt Marsha

B**Benjamin**

I've known Gary most of my life had the opportunity to live with Gary and the Jacobsen family back in 2010. He was a great man, always giving from his heart. He would make me laugh, offer advice, cook dinner, make sure my car was always full of gas, and watched sports with me, usually adding insightful comments to whatever was on TV. I miss reading his notes he'd leave on the counter. Gary always left a smiley face on the bottom of each of these. And I can't help but think now he is still smiling, down on us from heaven. I learned a lot from him and will always be forever grateful for his generosity and hospitality. I look forward to seeing him again someday. And it is comforting to know that he is not just in our past, but in our eternal future.

W**W. Ciampo**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. Ciampo Family Fly Creek

M**Moura Sterling**

So very sorry for your profound loss. RIP Gary! let the game play on.

T**Tina Brett**

Marie and family, We are so very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was always so friendly and we all loved chatting with him. Hugs, George, Tina, and Deirdre Brett



Marcia Smith

So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

G

Greg Race

Marie and family, So sorry to learn of Gary's passing. Always enjoined our times together at Morris Central. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Greg Race

J

John Nader

I first met Gary Jacobsen when he was a student-teacher at Oneonta High School. I was a student. He struck me then, as he would later, as a very fine person. Later, like Gary, I went to Ithaca College and returned to Oneonta after a few years. I would run into him periodically and we always took time to talk. We both still recognized each other after nearly 50 years and our conversations brought a smile to both of us. A good man, indeed.




Chris Graham

So sorry to hear this. Jake was a really good man.

P

Pamela warley

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Rhonda Wing

I was deeply saddened when I heard that Gary had passed. His humble calm demeanor will be missed. Thinking of you Marie as well as your family during this sad time.

S

Suzee Rowland

Sending love and caring sympathy to you and your family during these difficult days. Your Dad was a very special person and will be missed by all who knew him. Treasure the memories.

L

Lorraine Moore

Marie and family, we were so sad to hear this news. Gary will be missed by so many people. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers...



Lorraine Ruffino

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. 🙏🙏

M

Michael Welch

Marie and family so sorry to read about Gary's passing he was an old friend he will be missed by all. Prayers go out to you and your family. Michael Welch 🙏🙏🙏



Woody

My heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, students, and athletes of Mr. Gary Jacobsen. Mr. J spent a lot of time with me at Morris when we first came out here in 2006. He was patient with me as a new JV hoop coach as well as track coach for the school, he talked to me about how to handle the parents, juggling work and family as Sueann was pregnant during that first year, and even brought me with him to a couple Cort I Cup (Sp) games when Cortland and Ithaca played football!! He was a great man to so many and I am sure he will be greatly missed!! Thank you Mr. Jacobsen for your time spent with me, your appreciated guidance, your advice, support, and your dedication to sports, fitness, and youth empowerment. Mrs. J, Matt, Hannah, Mark and grand kids I hope your memories are filled with joy for you all meant so much to him. 🙏🙏🙏

B

Belluz Family

For Gary and his family, may his memory live on forever.



Paige Ingham

Sorry for your loss.



Amanda DelReal

Thoughts and prayers for the family.

R

Ron and Debbie Myers

Deepest condolences to Marty J and the Jacobsen family.

Y

Your loving sister Ellen

Love you dear brother! Love to Marie, Matt, Hannah and Mark! He loved his grandchildren so much! I will miss you dearly!



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E

Ellen Jacobsen

When we were kids we used to play piggy back. Gary was on the bottom, Pete was in the middle and I was on top and we would pile on top of each other and walk past a big mirror and look at ourselves and laugh till we fell off. We had so much fun doing such a silly thing!

D

Deb Dushko

Marie, Thinking of you and your family as you go through this difficult time. So sorry.

L

Louise

Mr. Jacobsen was an outstanding teacher and was always available to help a student. He went out of his way to make sure that in math that the students know how to do the problems and if they did not understand how to do it, he would find a way for them to understand. He is going to be missed by many. May he rest in peace and his wife and family find comfort in all of the memories that they have.



Denise Bisbing Wright

Sending thoughts and prayers to the whole family during this difficult time.

T

Tom Bryden

My heart aches for all of you. The loss of the big guy is just unbelievable. I'll cherish the memories of coaching, golfing, solving the world's problems and his political views. One of a kind for sure, we're all poorer for his loss but richer for having known and loved him.



Meegan White

I'm so sorry for your loss Marie and family. Sending so many thoughts and prayers to you during this time 🙏🙏

M

Michele Tasiore

We are so sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers to your family. Gary was one of a kind and will be missed. Paul and Michele Tasiore



The Boest family

Our condolences to the family. He will be missed.



Rita Cornell

Thinking of you all, hold close your memories in the days ahead. Rita Cornell



Joe Neer

Sorry for your loss. Gary was a great guy. We had some great times looking over the films from the games. He will be missed



Erin Pominville- Marinelli

Sending prayers during this difficult time



Susan Birdsall Kleinschmidt

You will be missed around town Gary...prayers to your family. ??

M

Melanie Colburn

Our hugs and prayers to Marie and all of the Jacobsen family during this difficult time. Jake was so special to so many of his former students and athletes and will be missed. We have so many fond memories and every time we would run into Gary we would reminisce and have some good laughs. Rest In Peace Jake ?? Lou & Mel Colburn



Michelle Figger

So sorry for your loss. Thinking of the family.



Connie Ackley

So sorry for your loss Marie thinking of you and sending prayers ?



Megan Tumilowicz

So sorry to hear this! Marie, we are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time??



Cathy Barker

Our heartfelt thoughts are with Marie and the entire family.



Frank Johnson

So sorry for your loss. Jake will be missed by many.



Nora Pierce

Rest In Peace Gary . you were loved by all who knew you. Prayers to your family and loved ones, so sorry for your loss.??



Sophie Liberatore

So sorry to hear our MCS class of 1969 lost another classmate... I'll always remember our years at MCS. Gary was always so sweet to everyone. Sending prayers to his family. RIP GARY.. Sophie Wagner Liberatore



Lorraine Brooks

Always a smile and a hug. My heart hurts for all of you. Heartfelt condolences.



Lori

Rest well, Gary. You will be dearly missed and remembered as a sweet and kind soul. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.



Robin Bush

I had the pleasure of working with Gary at MCS from '94 to '00. He was a hoot to work with. My sincere condolences to his family.



Kathy Brandow Kodrich

So sad to hear of Gary's passing. He had a special sense of humor he brought to work with him and was a pleasure to be around. He will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to Marie, his children and Peter.

T

Tribute Store

Thoughts and prayers are with your family! Gary was the absolute best as my PE Teacher and Coach. He will be greatly missed!



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Dan Bolton

Sorry for for your loss. Really nice guy.



Dina Hanslmaier

So sorry for your loss. Thinking of the family at this time.



Ronnie Benson

Gary was a good man



Tracy Plows

So sorry to hear this! Hugs and prayers to you and the kids, Marie!



Rahlene Welch

Thoughts and prayers for his family,??



Tina Parks

Thoughts & prayers to all ??

K

Kathy Kokell

I was very saddened to hear of Gary's passing. He was such a great guy and so well liked and respected by my entire family. My dad always had such praise for Gary Jake. My deepest condolences to his family. Morris has lost an icon.



Pat Betzold Chilion

Prayers and hugs!



Elaine Meyers Robinson

So sorry for your loss! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



Diana M Hayes

So sorry for your loss.



Irene Bean

Thoughts and prayers?



Amy Hill

So sorry for your loss ??



Lisa JoJo

Many thoughts and prayers to the family.



Lori L. Paparteys

Such a sweet, kind man. You will be missed, Gary. Rest well.

K

Kathleen FinkRoss

Sending condolences to Mr. Jacobsen's family. He was an amazing community member who will be truly missed! Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ross

A

Ann Pasternak

What a great man. Gary will be missed by so many. My deepest sympathies to his family.



Nancy Tomanelli Fusco

Sending prayers and condolences to the family ??



Mike Berthel

So sorry for the families loss



Laura Pegg

Rest in peace! Thoughts and prayers with the family. Many stories were told over the years at various gatherings. Hugs Marie!!

E**Erin Quirk**

Gary was the absolute best. Sending big hugs to his family. So glad to have my memories of him from 1985 touring Europe – me as a student; him as a chaperone to his very warm “welcome home” when I moved back into the area in 2019. Rest In Peace Jake. Lots of love.

**Jill Oliver**

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Gary was a wonderful man.

C**Cynthia LaClair (Coon)**

Find memories of our high school days and the kindness you always showed me in difficult times. Rest in Blessed Peace Gary.

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**Virginia Robinson**

Will greatly be missed.

W**Wadsworth Veronica**

Our sincere condolences to Marie and family. So saddened by this news. Our thoughts and prayers Ronnie & Bob Wadsworth

**Debbie Gould**

A great man! Rest In Peace Gary. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

**Kelly Welch-York**

My thoughts and prayers to the entire family!!

**Norma Boyd**

Will be greatly missed.

**Gary Fisher**

Prayers for his family, good coach, always called him Jake as we shared 1st names.



Marillyn Boggs

One of the best???



Phil Utter

So sorry to Marie, Peter, Ellen and the family. Gary was always a good cousin and good guy that when you ran into him and visited awhile it was like you had just seen him the other day. Such a sad time, sorry for your loss. Phil Utter

Y

Yvonne Page Lyons

My condolences to his family. What an amazingly kind person. Morris was very fortunate to have him.



BarryElaine Frederick

Rest In Peace Gary. You will be missed by so many!

T

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April Vunk

A truly good guy.

J

janet decker

Marie and family, Our deepest condolences to you and your family. May you share tears, laughs, hugs, memories, to help with the emptiness you all are feeling today and everyday to come. Gary was an amazing person! Our community is going to miss his smiling face. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all !!! Your friends, Brian & Janet Decker

M

Mona Waffle

I am so very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to all. ???



Ron John

Rest In Peace Coach. You were one of the best and always a class act.

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We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Johnston & Stanimer Funeral
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